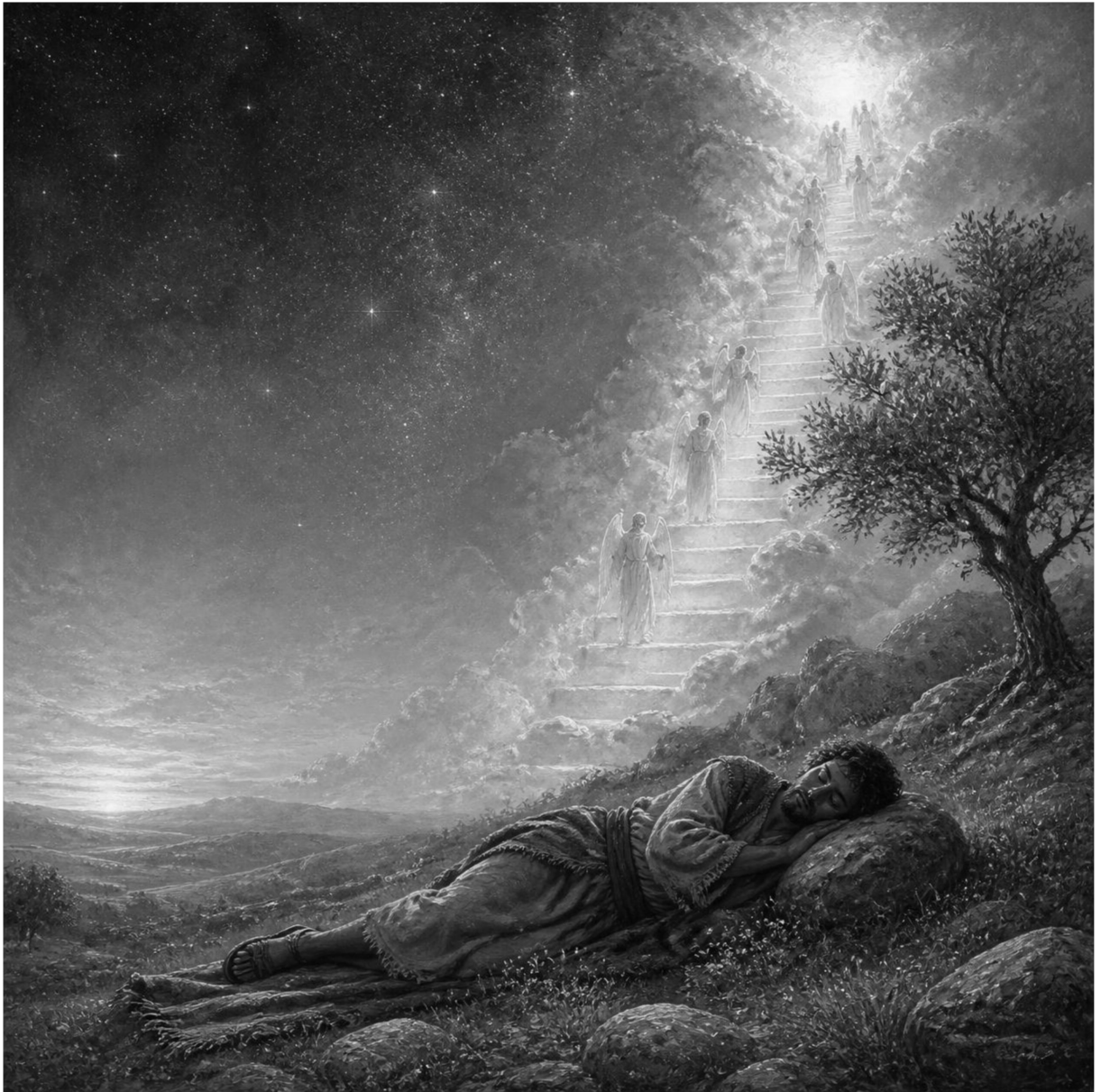




OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026, 9:30AM**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace
is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health,
race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,
education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do,
have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God.
God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise,
prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work
for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Liz Bahr, Cantor | Judi Winkler, Custodian

Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We are delighted you have
chosen to worship with us today. We will share holy Communion; you are
welcome to participate.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream
'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab)
today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive
Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn
requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any
communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special
devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468
or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Pastor: Joanne Richmond
AV Ministry Team: Asa and Fox Zinniel
Coffee Fellowship: Liz & Tyler Bahr
Communion Assistant: Chris Krueger
Guitarist: Colin Stiemke
Prayer Reader: Chris Krueger

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Luis Olivieri

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things we have done and

things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you

in newness of life through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in

work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -

O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you

in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your

giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

GREETING

ELW p. 98

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

God our Creator in heaven,

have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, true comforter,

have mercy upon us.

Praise and Thanksgiving



- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

READING: Genesis 28: 10—19a

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than

the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a} He called that place Bethel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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CREED

ELW p. 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our source, protect your church from those whose actions divide us. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we always have hope for what we do not yet see.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders make decisions that lead us toward the flourishing of all.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury, including those named in our prayer list.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators, coaches, and teachers preparing for the coming academic year.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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DIALOGUE

ELW p. 107

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p. 114

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue forever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drawn to the Light

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the

heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn-ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the

light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a

sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Seeds Scattered and Sown

D. Feiten; arr. E. Gunnison and R. J. Miller

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FRUITS & VEGGIES POTLUCK—Sun., July 26, 2023, 10:15am, Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the flavors of summer with us at our Fruits & Veggies Potluck!

Bring a dish featuring fruits or vegetables to share and stay for a delicious meal and great fellowship.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES—July is a great time to take advantage of Back-to-School sales—and to support Lutheran World Relief's School Kits at the same time! As you shop the sales, consider picking up items like notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, and erasers. These simple supplies help put together school kits that support students and families around the world.

EACH KIT NEEDS

- ☐ 4 wide- or college-ruled spiral notebooks (70 sheets each, approximately 8" × 10½")
- ☐ 1 box of crayons (16 or 24 count)
- ☐ 1 ruler (30 centimeters, or centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- ☐ 1 pencil sharpener
- ☐ 1 pair of blunt (children's) scissors
- ☐ 5 unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- ☐ 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- ☐ 1 eraser (approximately 2½ inches long)

Thank you for helping turn summer shopping into meaningful care and support for others.

JULY DONATION DRIVE – DISHING OUT KINDNESS

Donate dish soap of any brands or size throughout July. Please place donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity and support as we make a difference, in the lives of local families, one bottle at a time.

SUNDAY FUNDAYS—July 26, 2026, Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship this summer for some fun! Potato Heads will be the activity of the day next Sunday, July 26. Looking ahead: come play BINGO on Sunday, August 2, 2026. ***All ages and stages welcome!***

DINNER AND A SHOW—Friday, July 24, 5:30 – 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a cozy family movie night fun for all ages and stages ! Enjoy a light dinner and snacks while we relax and watch a great film together.

OSLC HIKING GROUP—Sunday, July 26, 1:30pm, Lower Hixon Trailhead

Hikers of all levels are welcome to join us for a relaxed afternoon hike as we explore the beautiful Lower Hixon Trails! Whether you enjoy a casual walk or simply want to spend time outdoors with others, all are welcome. We'll wind through wooded trails, enjoy the peaceful surroundings, and take in the natural beauty of Hixon Forest while sharing conversation and fellowship along the way. Come walk with us and enjoy an afternoon in nature!

🔥 **SUMMER CAMPFIRE** 🔥 **Saturday, August 1, 6—8pm, Courtyard**

You are invited (all ages) to join us from 6 – 8pm in the church's courtyard by the fire pit. These events will be filled with community, yard games, and s'mores of course! Watch our social media pages for weather-related announcements: [@oursaviorslacrosse](#).

OUR SAVIOR'S RUMMAGE BAG SALE

Friday, August 14, 9am—4pm: \$5 a bag

Saturday, August 15, 9am—2pm: Fill 1–2 bags for \$5

Jewelry and selected items will be individually priced.

Donations Needed! Help support our Rummage Sale by donating clean, gently used items in good condition, including clothing, shoes, linens, jewelry, books, tools, and household items. Please no electronics, large appliances, car seats, or baby furniture accepted. Furniture donations require prior approval.

Donation Drop-Off: Mon., August 3—Thurs., August, 9am–1pm

Thank you for supporting this event through your donations and participation!

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Noisy Offering—Emergency Fund

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Voucher

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:05—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

8:30am St. Clare's Health Mission
 Mobile Medical Unit—Parking Lot
9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

5:30—7:30pm Dinner & a Show

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship
10:15am Fruits & Veggie Potluck
10:15am Sun. Fun. Potato Heads
1:30pm OSLC Hiking Group
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Art Olson, **Athena** Burg, **Barb** Jarrett, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cassie**, **Cathy** Ofte, **Cindy** Moe, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dean** Geier, **Erik** Rudrud, **Erv** Dukatz, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **Gale**, **Jane & Michael** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jeremy** R., **Jim**, **Jim** Radatz, **Pastor Joanne**, **Jon** Zinniel, **Joshua**, **Juliana** Andrews, **Karen** Geoglein, **Katie** White, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack** D., **Pamela** Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Rick**, **Roger** Loing, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, and **Tom** Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Esther Suter

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joel McCall July 20

Barb Bahr July 22

Scott Anderson July 23

Dale Duresky July 25

Don Stutesman July 25

Scout Cigich July 25